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NEWS RELEASE

A fourteen-count indictment¹ was filed yesterday charging Jaitass Dhanoa, a/k/a “Jay D. Singh,” a/k/a “Jay Singh,” with three counts of aggravated identity theft, three counts of unauthorized use of an access device, and eight counts of bank fraud, announced United States Michael L. Levy.

The indictment alleges that beginning in October 2007, Dhanoa used social networking sites, such as www.indiandating.com and www.match.com, to meet young women. Dhanoa, in an effort to seduce these women, lied about his name, his background, his citizenship, his employment, and his intentions. Dhanoa, a citizen of India, told his victims that he was an American citizen working for Deutsche Bank and the International Monetary Fund. To further solidify this ruse, Dhanoa allegedly created fake Deutsche Bank email accounts and a fake American passport. After gaining his victims’ trust, Dhanoa stole their credit cards which he then used without authorization, and/or stole their identities which he then used to fraudulently obtain credit cards. The three victims, who were each led to believe they were Dhanoa’s sole romantic interest, only found out about his scheme when they were contacted by credit card companies investigating suspicious activities.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	DOB
Jaitass Dhanoa	India	1984

If convicted of all charges, the defendant faces a total maximum sentence of 279 years in prison, with a mandatory minimum of two years in prison, a \$9.75 million fine, and a \$1,500 special assessment.

The case has been investigated by the Philadelphia Police Department, the United States Secret Service, and the United States Postal Inspection Service, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Leo R. Tsao and David L. Axelrod.

¹ An Indictment is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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